













**POETRY.**  
**IN THE NIGHT.**  
BY JOHN HENRY POKE.  
All the many years are shed  
In the night,  
And the broken prayers are said  
In the night,  
Smiles forsake the laughing eye,  
And the lips with quivering sigh  
Drink the sorrows of the soul  
In the night.  
All the wasted moments all  
In the night,  
And the ghosts of memory call  
In the night,  
When the stars are high and cold,  
And the wind is loud and red,  
From the secrets of the breast  
In the night.  
Faded leaves fall thick and fast  
In the night,  
And the autumn's chilly blast  
In the night,  
Is like sorrow's mournful wail—  
Sweeping o'er the joyous past—  
Winds that daily laugh and hail  
In the silent snows at last,  
In the night.

**HUMOROUS.**  
**Getting Ready for School.**  
"The cause of education be hanged!" he muttered as he sat down on the curbstone on Shelby street yesterday.  
He was a lad of thirteen. He spit through his front teeth, and he spit often. His pants were supported by a piece of wire clothes line girded around the waist, his hat was ancient and greasy, and his big flat feet seemed to be waiting for a thunder-shower to wash them clean.  
"That's what ails me!" he went on as he pushed his toes into the wet sand. "I don't believe in a fellow diffing in and learning all there is to learn, and not letting other folks have a chance. There's lots of other folks in this world besides me, and I ain't going to be a hog and try to learn all there is to learn."  
After a minute he went on:  
"Don't know 'nuff now? Three times two are six, four times five are twenty, and four and four are eight. That's as correct as I could get 'em if I went to school for a hundred years. And don't I know how to spell? C-a-t is cat the world over, and I'll bet on it every time. H-e-n spells hen, and I know it as well as if I weighed a ton."  
"He rose up to throw a stone at a dog across the street, and after resuming his seat he went on:  
"Joggerly kinder wrastles me down but I don't go much on joggerly. What do I care whether an island is entirely surrounded by water, or whether there ain't any water within ten miles of it? S'pose I'm going to buy and sell islands for a living? I don't care which is the highest mountain or the longest river, do I? I'm going to keep a feed store, and when I'm rolling bales of hay around will I care about mountains and rivers? I've heard the boys go on about exports and imports, and straits, and seas, and capes, but what's them to me? If a fellow wants a bag o' oats, is he going to wait and ask me when the Island of Madagascar was discovered?"  
He carefully examined the toe of his left foot, and the heel of his right foot, and gloomily observed:  
"The old folks are making ready to push me into school, and I've got to make ready to keep out. I can't take to school somehow. I could sit here and study all day long, but the minute I git into a school house I'm nervous. Something's going to happen to me this week. I'll be taken home in a wheelbarrow with a big gash in this heel or this toe almost cut off. That will mean four weeks on a crutch, and they don't allow lame boys to go to school and crutch up and down the aisles. Or, s'posin I go home with palpitation of the heart? The old lady has had it, and I won't more than get into the house before she'll have me tucked down on the lounge, the camphor bottle in the distance, and she'll call out to the old gent:  
"Father, it's no use of thinking of sending this boy to school. He looks stout and healthy, but he's a mere shadder. The close atmosphere of the school-room will kill him before the snow flies."  
The boy rose up. There was a grin all over his face, and he chuckled:  
"Palpitation is the key-note? A sore toe can be seen—a palpitating heart is hidden away under hide and fat and ribs. Now, then—cosh—Woosh u-m-m-m—hold your breath, roll your eyes, kick out your left leg and make her fly round like a fly on a hot stove cover."—*Detroit Free Press.*

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There is no question and no manner of doubt about the fact that young animals of every variety must be kept in one uniform thriving condition, if money is to be made raising them. They must be watched, so that whenever there is the slightest check to growth and the comely appearance of the flock or the herd, they can be moved to some better pasture or have some immediate stimulation, by giving food of a more strengthening quality. This is a season of the year requiring more than ordinary care, and early every cold morning something should be given to any colts, calves or lambs which have not extra good grass or food of some kind.  
It is not necessary to begin stabling at night because of moderate cold, for if the stomachs of animals are full of good food, the cool air is not disagreeable, and nature provides long hair to assist in keeping them warm. Some people will be foolishly particular about shelter, but there is a medium, and if they will feed well out in the fields while the ground is dry, all kinds of young stock will be better for the gradual way in which they become accustomed to winter weather. When severe storms come on, and they are put into winter quarters, they will escape the ordeal of the sudden change to dry food, because they have been brought regularly to it by the morning feed (and perhaps evening feed too) after grass becomes short. Grass ought not to be grazed so bare as to weaken the roots, and when any one is heavily stocked, or the grass goes off through drought, feed should be given twice per day.  
It is this attention to young stock, sheep, etc., in England, which makes the tenant farmers so successful and causes the extra mutton and wool; and it is the false economy in the United States of "husbanding," as it is called, the best food, and keeping the cattle and sheep short, in consequence of which they lose flesh that farmers are afraid of the winter, and they sink money instead of gaining. When young animals are brought in, they should not be kept closely shut up. There should be a good ventilation; and in the daytime, especially from 10 A. M., (or earlier when mild) till 3 or 4 P. M., they should be out of their night quarters, and lie in an open yard having a shed that they can go under at pleasure. In fact, all varieties of stock should have this healthful daily airing, and at noon it will be found that any coarse fodder will be eaten with a relish in the open air, which they would not touch in their stalls.  
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